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	O1/17 AND ENDING	12/31/17 MM/20/YY				
A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION						
			OFFICIAL USE			
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:			FIRM ID. NO.			
LIQUID CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC						
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINES	S: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)	,				
9441 Ridgeway Avenue						
Evanston (City)	Illinois (State)	60203 (Zip Code)				
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSO Christopher I. Mates	N TO CONTACT IN REC	(312) 3	EPORT 45-2110 - Telephone No)			
B. ACCOU	TANT IDENTIFICATION	N				
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report*  Bradford R. Dooley & Associates  (Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)						
209 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 4	04 Chicago					
(City) (State) (Zip Code)  CHECK ONE:  [X] Certified Public Accountant  [] Public Accountant  [] Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.						
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<sup>\*</sup>Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

financia of <b>Dece</b> partner,	mber 31, 2017, are true and correct. I further s	of my knowledge and belief, the accompanying ng to the firm of <b>Liquid Capital Securities, LLC</b> as wear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any proprietary interest in any account classified solely
	No	ne
		Clary Signature
		Principal
	<del>-</del>	Title
Sworn a	and subscribed to me on the  day of	RACHELLE A. GOBER Notary Public – California Orange County Commission # 2200390 My Comm. Expires Jun 5, 2021
This rep [x] (a) [x] (b) [ ] (c) [ ] (d) [ ] (e) [ ] (f) [ ] (g) [ ] (h) [ ] (i)		ted to Claims of General Creditors. ealers pursuant to Rule 15c3-1.
[ ](i)	Rule 15c3-3.  A Reconciliation, including appropriate explan 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination Rule 15c3-3.	ation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule n of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of
[ ] (k) [ <b>x</b> ] (l)	A Reconciliation between the audited and respect to methods of consolidation.  An Oath or Affirmation.	unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with
[ 1 (m)	A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	s found to exist or found to have existed since the

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filling, see Section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

[x] (o) A copy of the Exemption Report.

#### BRADFORD R. DOOLEY & ASSOCIATES

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Member of Liquid Capital Securities, LLC

#### Opinion on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Liquid Capital Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2017, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statement). In our opinion, the statement of financial condition presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Liquid Capital Securities, LLC as of December 31, 2017 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

This financial statement is the responsibility of Liquid Capital Securities, LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Liquid Capital Securities, LLC's financial statement based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to Liquid Capital Securities, LLC in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as Liquid Capital Securities, LLC's auditor since 2014.

Bradford R. Dooley & Associ

Chicago, Illinois February 26, 2018

## Liquid Capital Securities, LLC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION December 31, 2017

## **ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS:		•
Cash	\$	6,307
Prepaid Expenses	·	727
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	7,034
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LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQ	UITY	
MEMBER'S EQUITY		
Member's Equity		7,034
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	\$	7,034

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### Note 1. Organization and Nature of Business

Liquid Capital Securities, LLC (the Company) is a securities broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of that rule as all customer transactions are cleared through other broker-dealers on a fully disclosed basis.

The Company was organized as a limited liability company on July 23, 2007, in the State of Illinois. The operating agreement provides that the Company will continue until dissolved pursuant to the agreement. On May 7, 2009, the Company was accepted as a member of FINRA. On 1st May 2014 Chris and Gregg Siepman agreed to sell Liquid Capital Securities to the Liquid Group for US\$ 745,000

The company has ceased operations since September 2014. On June 30, 2016, the Company was sold by its parent/owner, Liquid Capital Group, Sarl, to Christopher I. Mates, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company. Christopher I. Mates, LLC is owned and operated by Christopher I. Mates, who has served as the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Principal of the Company since it was founded in 2007.

#### Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Accounting policies**: The Company follows the accounting standards set by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The FASB sets generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) that the Company follows to ensure consistent reporting of financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

**Use of estimates**: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents: Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid instruments with original maturities of three months or less at the date of acquisition. The Company places its cash and cash equivalents with financial institutions and, at times, cash held in these bank accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limit. However, the Company does not believe it is exposed to significant credit risk.

**Fair value of financial instruments**: Financial instrument transactions are recorded on trade date and reflected at fair value.

**Revenue Recognition:** Brokerage and execution revenue and related expenses are recorded on a tradedate basis

Interest: Interest income and expense is recognized on an accrual basis.

#### Liquid Capital Securities, LLC

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

**Foreign exchange translation:** Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at year-end rates of exchange. Income and expense items are translated at month-end rates. Gains or losses resulting from foreign currency translations are included in other expense on the statement of operations.

**Income taxes**: As a limited liability company, the Company is not subject to federal income taxes. The Company's members separately account for their pro rata share of the Company's items of income, deductions, losses and credits. Therefore, these financial statements do not include any provision for federal income taxes.

FASB guidance requires the evaluation of income tax positions taken or expected to the taken in the course of preparing the Company's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained "when challenged" or "when examined" by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense and liability in the current year. For the year ended December 31, 2017, management has determined that there are no material uncertain income tax positions.

The Company is generally not subject to examination by U.S. federal and state tax authorities for tax years before 2014.

#### Note 3. Commitments, Contingencies and Subsequent Events

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties that provide indemnifications under certain circumstances. The Company's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown and the risk of loss is remote, as it would require claims that may be made against the Company that have not occurred.

#### Note 4. Net Capital Requirements

The Company is subject to the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of a minimum amount of net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. Rule 15c3-1 also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn if the resulting net capital ratio would exceed 10 to 1. At December 31, 2017, the company had Net Capital of \$6,307, which is above the required minimum of \$5,000.

#### Note 5. Subsequent Events

In accordance with the provisions set forth in FASB ASC Topic 855, Subsequent Events, management has evaluated subsequent events through February 26, 2018, the date the financial statements were issued. On November 6, 2017, Christopher I. Mates entered into a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement with Mishkin, Anderson & Gray Securities ("MAGS") of Chicago, Illinois to sell to MAGS substantially all of the Membership Interests of Liquid Capital Securities, LLC. The sale is currently pending FINRA approval. Management has determined that there are no material events that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the Company's financial statements.

## LIQUID CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC

# REVIEW OF EXEMPTION REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2017

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To the Member of Liquid Capital Securities, LLC

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying exemption report, in which (1) Liquid Capital Securities, LLC (the "Company") identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which the Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: (2)(ii) (the "exemption provisions") and (2) The Company stated that the Company met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. The Company's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about the Company's compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Bradford R. Dooley & Associates

Chicago, Illinois February 26, 2018

#### LIQUID CAPITAL SECURITIES, LLC 9441 RIDGEWAY AVENUE EVANSTON, IL 60203

#### Rule 15c3-3 Exemption Report

Liquid Capital Securities, LLC (the "Company" or "LCS") is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R § 240.17a-5, "Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17C.F.R. § 240.17a-5(d)(1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief, the Company states the following:

- (1) The Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 under the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. § 240.15c3-3 (k)(2)(ii).
- (2) The Company met the identified exemption provisions in 17 C.F.R. § 240 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii) throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

LCS is not currently operating as a broker dealer, it has no employees. LCS does not have customers and does not hold customer monies or securities. While LCS is assessing appropriate course of action for selling or unwinding the broker dealer, the owner has terminated LCS' relationships with its clearing brokers(s).

I, Christopher I. Mates, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is true and correct.

By:

Title: Principal

Date: February 26, 2018

# **Liquid Capital Securities, LLC**

Financial Report December 31, 2017

Filed as PUBLIC information pursuant to Rule 17a-5(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Regulation 1.10(g) under the Commodity Exchange Act.